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SUBJ: PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING

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1. AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOLLOWING RETURN OF
DANISH DELEGATION FROM DUBLIN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
MEETING, CHARGE AND ECONCOUNS ON MARCH 13 DISCUSSED PROPOSED
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IEA MINISTERIAL WITH FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY JENS

CHRISTENSEN, DRAWING ON REFTEL AND PREVIOUS. CHRISTENSEN RESPONDED IN MANNER PREDICTED IN REF B, NAMELY THAT, WHILE HE SAW NO PRESSING REASONS FOR THE MEETING AND WOULD PREFER NOT HAVING ONE, HE RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE TO FONECONMIN NORGAARD PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE USG WANTS IT. HE SAID THAT NORGAARD AGREED AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO ATTEND ON MAY 26 IF MEETING IS HELD.

2. CHRISTENSEN SPECIFICALLY SAID MAY 26 WOULD CREATE NO PROBLEMS FOR DENMARK. WHILE WE DID NOT DISCUSS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE OF MAY 27, WE GATHERED THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO DANES ALSO. REASON IS THAT FONMIN K. B. ANDERSEN WOULD PRESUMABLY ATTEND DUBLIN POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING, WHILE NORGAARD WOULD REPRESENT DENMARK AT BOTH IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH ONOFF, WE WERE TOLD THAT FONMIN ANDERSEN HAS PREVIOUS COMMITMENT WHICH MAKES IT UNLIKELY HE COULD ATTEND DUBLIN EC-9 MEETING. IN THAT EVENT, UNDER THE PRESENT ARRANGMENET BETWEEN THE TWO MINISTERS, NORGAARD WOULD ATTEND IN HIS STEAD. THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF THE FONOFF (RIBERHOLDT) TOLD US THAT THIS WOULD STILL NOT AFFECT NORGAARD'S ATTENDANCE AT AN IEA MINISTERIAL SINCE, IF BOTH THE PARIS AND DUBLIN MEETINGS SHOULD BE ON MAY 26, HE WOULD OPT FOR THE IEA MEETING.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT. AS WE, THE DANES ARE FLEXIBLE ON DATES FOR THE IEA MINISTERIAL, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD CAUSE THEM FEWER PROBLEMS IF THE DUBLIN EC-9 MEETING WERE NOT ON THE SAME DAY.
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